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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.) IS
SUBJECT: VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT

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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT SCHEDULE
WITH DR. ELIAHU BEN ELISSAR, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, AND GOI CONTROL OFFICER FOR
VISIT. FOLLOWING IS REVISED SCHEDULE IN LIGHT OF HIS
INITIAL REACTION SUPPLEMENTED BY EMBASSY COMMENTS AND
SUGGESTIONS:

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

1500 ARRIVAL BEN GURION AIRPORT. WILL BE MET
BY PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND KNESSET SPEAKER
SHAMIR.

COMMENT: BEN ELISSAR EMPHASIZED THAT 1500 HRS. WOULD
BE LATEST THAT WELCOMING CEREMONY CAN BE HELD IN ORDER
TO GIVE PARTICIPANTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO THEIR
HOMES BEFORE THE START OF SHABBAT. IN VIEW OF GOI SEN-
SITIVITY THIS POINT, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT ARRIVAL
TIME BE NO LATER THAN 1500 HRS.

1505-1510 AIRPORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT
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1515 MOTORCADE DEPARTS AIRPORT FOR KING DAVID
HOTEL
1600 ARRIVE KING DAVID HOTEL.

SATURDAY, JULY 1
1200-1300 LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR LEWIS IN SUITE AT
KING DAVID HOTEL

1700 DEPART KING DAVID HOTEL FOR TEL AVIV

COMMENT: BEN ELISSAR STRESSED THAT GOI WOULD NOT WISH ANY OFFICIAL PROGRAMMING FOR VICE PRESIDENT ON SHABBAT. WE DISCUSSED INFORMAL VISIT TO JERUSALEM OR DIASPORA MUSEUMS OR TO ABSORPTION CENTER. HE STRESSED THAT ANY ACITIVYT WHICH ATTRACTED PUBLIC ATTENTION WOULD NOT BE VIEWED WITH FAVOR BY THE GOVERNMENT. THUS, EXCEPT FOR PRIVATE VISIT WITH GOLDA MEIR, NO PROGRAMMING IS POSSIBLE FOR LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

1800 MEETING WITH GOLDA MEIR AT HER RESIDENCE IN TEL AVIV.

COMMENT: MRS. MEIR OFTEN VISITS HER DAUGHTER ON A KIBBUTZ NEAR BEERSHEVA ON WEEKENDS. IF SHE PLANS TO DO SO JULY 1, WE SUGGEST THAT THE MEETING BE SHIFTED TO SUNDAY, JULY 2, DURING VISIT TO BEERSHEVA.

1830-2200 FREE TIME AND STAG DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH LEADING ISRAELI FIGURES.

COMMENT: AMBASSADOR STRONGLY RECOMMENDS ELIMINATION OF ASSOCIATION RECEPTION ON SATURDAY EVENING. INFORMAL DINNER IS THE BEST VEHICLE FOR TYPE OF FACE-TO-FACE MEETING WITH LEADING ISRAELIS WHICH THE VICE PRESIDENT PREFERS. BEN ELISSAR AGREED THAT SUITABLE RECOGNITION COULD BE GIVEN TO DULZIN AND THE ISRAEL-AMERICAN SOCIETY'S ROLE IN PROMOTING VISIT EITHER DURING OFFICIAL DINNER ON SUNDAY NIGHT OR AT ANOTHER SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY (SEE BELOW). IF STAG DINNER ACCEPTABLE WE PROPOSE PRIVATE DINNER IN CONFIDENTIAL

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JAFFA FOR MRS. MONDALE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. LEWIS, FOLLOWED BY TOUR OF INTERESTING ART GALLERIES AND CRAFTS STORES IN JAFFA.

2200 DEPART RESIDENCE FOR HOTEL

2245 ARRIVE KING DAVID HOTEL

SUNDAY, JULY 2

0925 DEPART KING DAVID FOR PRESIDENT NAVON'S RESIDENCE

0930-0950 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NAVON

1000-1100 MEETING WITH KNESSET SR AKER SHAMIR AND MEMEBERS OF THE KNESSET FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE. BEN ELISSAR STRONGLY PUSHED FOR THIS MEETING. COMMITTEE REPRESENTS KEY GROUP OF KNESSET MEMBERS FROM BOTH GOVERNMENT COALITION AND OPPOSITION. WE STRONGLY ENDORSE THIS PROPOSAL.

COMMENT: WEEKLY CABINET MEETING ON SUNDAY BEGINS AT 0930 HRS. BECAUSE OF THIS, CALL ON PRIME MINISTER BEGIN WILL HAVE TO BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTERNOON AS LISTED BELOW

1100 DEPART KNESSET FOR HELIPAD.

1105 DEPART BY HELICOPTER FOR BEERSHEVA

1130 ARRIVE BEERSHEVA
1130-1330 PLAQUE UNVEILING CEREMONY AT HUMPHREY
INSTITUTE FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AND VISIT TO
BEN GURION UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.
COMMENT: VICE PRESIDENT WOULD UNVEIL HUMPHREY MEMORIAL
PLAQUE AT HUMPHREY INSTITUTE ON THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.
FYI INSTITUTE DOES NOT HAVE SEPARATE BUILDINGS OR GROUND.
INSTITUTE IS BACKED BY CLOSE HUMPHREY FRIEND LEONARD
SHANE OF LOS ANGELES.
1330 DEPART BY HELICOPTER FOR KIBBUTZ SDE BOKER
1345 ARRIVE SDE BOKER. DRIVE TO BEN GURION
MEMORIAL WHICH IS TWO AND ONE HALF KILO-
METERS FROM KIBBUTZ. THERE WOULD BE A
MOMENT OF SILENCE BEFORE THE MEMORIAL
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FOLLOWED BY A SHORT TOUR OF THE MEMORIAL
SITE AND BEN GURION LIBRARY- HOUSED IN
HIS HOME.

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1415 DEPART MEMORIAL BY CAR FOR KIBBUTZ
1430 DEPART SDE BOKER BY HELICOPTER FOR JERUSALEM
1500 ARRIVE JERUSALEM AND RETURN TO HOTEL
1600 MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN
1700 JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT OF \$30 MILLION EDUCATION

FUND. WE HAVE IN MIND A BRIEF APPEARANCE
OF VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER OUTSIDE
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE FOR THIS PURPOSE.
NOT A PRESS CONFERENCE. BELIEVE FUND SHOULD
BE JOINTLY ANNOUNCED SINCE IT IS TO BE
JOINTLY FUNDED. VICE PRESIDENT CAN DESCRIBE
FUND IN GREATER DETAIL IN SPEECH.
1715-2000 FREE TIME AT HOTEL.
2000 OFFICIAL DINNER AT KNESSET CO-HOSTED BY
PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND KNESSET SPEAKER
SHAMIR- MAJOR ADDRESS BY VICE PRESIDENT.
COMMENT: WE STRONGLY URGE THAT MAJOR ADDRESS BE MADE SUN-
DAY NIGHT RATHER THAN MONDAY NOON. SUNDAY EVENING WOULD
ALLOW ISRAELI EVENING VIEWING PUBLIC TO SEE SPEECH ON TV,
WHICH PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE THE CASE FOR MONDAY NOON SPEECH.
BEN ELISSAR SAW NO PROTOCOL PROBLEM WITH PRIME MINISTER
AS HOST. BEGIN WILL PROBABLY OFFER A TOAST AND MAKE SHORT
SPEECH. ALSO, DUE TO TIME DIFFERENTIAL WITH US, SPEECH
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ON SUNDAY EVENING WOULD ALLOW FULL US COVERAGE ON TV
SUNDAY EVENING AND MAKE NEWSPAPERS MONDAY MORNING. MONDAY
SPEECH WOULD NOT MAKE MONDAY MORNING US PRESS IN ANY
CASE.
2300 RETURN TO KING DAVID HOTEL

MONDAY, JULY 3
0930 DEPART KING DAVID FOR YAD VASHEM MEMORIAL
0945-1015 VISIT YAD VASHEM
1045-1145 VISIT REFUGEE ABSORPTION CENTER ON HILLS
JUST OUTSIDE OF JERUSALEM. (THIS IS A FULLY
FUNCTIONING CENTER WITH IMMIGRANTS FROM SOVIET
UNION AND ELSEWHERE.)
1215-1445 "WORKING LUNCH" HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER
BEGIN TOGETHER WITH KEY GROUP OF CABINET
MEMBERS.
1445-1515 MEETING WITH PERES AT KNESSET
1520-1550 INFORMAL COFFEE AT KNESSET WITH DULZIN AND
ISRAEL-AMERICAN SOCIETY LEADERS.
1600-1630 KNESSET SESSION (OPENING OF SESSION)
COMMENT: BEN ELISSAR EXPLAINED THAT BY LAW ONLY HEAD OF
GOVERNMENT COULD SPEAK TO KNESSET. VICE PRESIDENT WOULD BE
SEATED IN BALCONY AS GUEST OF HONOR AND KNESSET SPEAKER
WOULD CALL THE MEMBER'S ATTENTION TO THEIR DISTINGUISHED
GUEST.
1640-1710 PRESS CONFERENCE AT HOTEL
1715 DEPART FOR BEN GURION AIRPORT
1800 ARRIVE BEN GURION
1815 WHEELS UP
COMMENT: WE STRESSED DESIRE OF VICE PRESIDENT TO RE-

TURN TO US AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE BEFORE JULY 4. BEN ELISSAR
FELT THAT SLIGHT DELAY WOULD BE JUSTIFIED IN ORDER TO ALLOW
TIME FOR KNESSET CEREMONY, WHICH HE CONSIDERED VERY IMPORTANT.
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1. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND SHORT PRESS CONFERENCE AT END
OF VISIT AS IS TRADITIONAL HERE. IT WOULD BE EXPECTED FROM
A NATION WHICH PRIDES ITSELF ON A FREE PRESS AND ON AN
OPEN SOCIETY. ALSO, SHORT PRESS CONFERENCE ALLOWS THE VICE
PRESIDENT TO FACE THE PRESS AT A PLACE AND TIME OF HIS OWN
CHOOSING AND PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY ANY PRESS
DISTORTION OF SUNDAY EVENING SPEECH.

2. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION, BEN ELISSAR PRESSED
FOR OFFICIAL CALL BY VICE PRESIDENT ON JERUSALEM MAYOR
TEDDY KOLLEK. WE EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE.
(BECAUSE OF DIPLOMATIC PRECEDENT INVOLVING DISPUTED STATUS
OF JERUSALEM.) BEN ELISSAR THEN PROPOSED VICE PRESIDENT PLANT
TREE AT NEW LIBERTY BELL PARK NEAR KING DAVID WITH KOLLEK.
PARK IS ONE OF KOLLEK'S PET PROJECTS, LARGELY FINANCED BY
US PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS. (THIS COULD BE FITTED INTO
MONDAY MORNING SCHEDULE BY STARTING FOR YAD VASHEM AT 0900
INSTEAD OF 0930.)

3. IN VIEW OF NEED TO KEEP SATURDAY CLEAR FOR LOCAL
POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES, WE HAVE REGRETFULLY DROPPED DIASPORA
MUSEUM FROM THIS SCHEDULE.

4. BEN ELISSAR WILL BE CONSULTING FURTHER WITH BEGIN ON
SCHEDULE OVER WEEKEND--AND WE CANNOT ASSUME THIS
SCHEDULE REPRESENTS FINAL GOI VIEWS. HOWEVER, WE THINK
IT WOULD GENERALLY FLY HERE.
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